**Sub-Committee of NDC on Inter State Allocation of Funds**

2754. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be" pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a sub-committee of the National Development Council to work out a formula for inter state allocation of funds under the major rural poverty alleviation programmes in the Ninth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when its report is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, with members: Chief Ministers of Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, Union Minister of State for Rural Areas and Employment, Union Minister of State for Planning and Programme Implementation, and a Member of Planning Commission. The Committee will submit its report within three months.

**Central Assistance to Assam**

2755. SHRIMATl BASANTI SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assam Government have made any request to increase the Central assistance for its projects and economic development of Assam during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE INISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Government of Assam requested for increased Central Assistance by projecting higher Anaual Plan Outlays, as indicated below, for development programmes, including the State Capital Project, and eliminating the negative Balance, on Current Revenue (BCR)

| Year | Proposed Annual Plan Outlays (Rs. Cr.) |
|---|---|
| 1996-97 | *1583.26 |
| 1997-98 | *2016.00 |
| 1998-99- | 2100.00 |

*includes Rs. 80 crores and Rs. 50 crores for the State Capital Project for the respective years.

(c) There has been considerable increase in the size of the Annual Plan and in Normal Central Assistance,. at current prices, for Assam during the last three years, as may be seen from the following Table:—

| Year | Approved Annual Plan Outlays (Rs. Cr.) | Normal Central Assistanace. (Rs. Cr.) |
|---|---|---|
| 1996-97 | 1434.00 | 1100,50 |
| 1997-98 | 1510.00 | 1147.63 |
| | 1650.00 | 1447.33 |

**Central Investment in Punjab**

2756. SHRl LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME .MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union/Central sector investment in Punjab is low;